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Abstract of the Disclosure

Described is a method of sanitizing meat product using aqueous streams having an antimicrobial composition added to the stream. Preferably, the antimicrobial composition includes a mixture of one or more carboxylic acids having up to 18 carbon atoms and one or more peroxycarboxylic acids having up to 12 carbon atoms, preferably a mixture of a C_2-C_4 peroxycarboxylic acid and a C_8-C_{12} peroxycarboxylic acid. ~~Also described is a novel antimicrobial composition adapted for sanitizing meat product containing a mixture of one or more C_2-C_4 peroxycarboxylic acids and one or more C_8-C_{12} peroxycarboxylic acids and an alpha-hydroxy mono- or dicarboxylic acid.~~

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